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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 113—Relative to The Great American Boycott 2006.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 113, as introduced, Romero. The Great American Boycott 2006

This measure would recognize May 1, 2006, as “The Great American Boycott 2006,” to educate people in California and the United States about the contributions of immigrants in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, May 1, 2006, is declared “The Great American
2 Boycott 2006”; and

3 WHEREAS, The United States has a tradition of historic
4 boycotts, including the 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott that
5 galvanized the African-American community and resulted in the
6 landmark 1956 United States Supreme Court ruling against
7 segregation; and

8 WHEREAS, The Great American Boycott 2006 observes that
9 tradition and is intended to draw attention to the contributions of
10 immigrants to the nation’s economy, including \$4.5 billion in
11 state taxes in California each year, and more than \$30 billion in
12 federal taxes; and

1 WHEREAS, Immigrants and their children comprise nearly
2 half of the population in this state and live in virtually all 58
3 counties in California. More than one-quarter of all California
4 residents are foreign born, a rate higher than any other state in the
5 country; and

6 WHEREAS, Immigrants participate in the workforce at rates
7 higher than the national average. Ninety percent of Latino and
8 Asian male immigrants are employed; and

9 WHEREAS, Immigrants comprise approximately one-third of
10 the labor force in California and figure prominently in key
11 economic sectors in California, including agriculture,
12 manufacturing, and services; and

13 WHEREAS, Immigrants provide leadership and labor for the
14 expansion of California's growing economic sectors, from
15 agriculture, telecommunications, and information technology to
16 health services and housing construction; and

17 WHEREAS, Immigrants are among California's most
18 productive entrepreneurs and have created jobs for tens of
19 thousands of Californians. In San Jose alone, immigrant owners
20 of technology companies created more than 58,000 jobs and
21 generated more than \$17 billion in sales during the late 1990s;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, The average immigrant-headed household in
24 California contributes over \$2,600 annually to federal Social
25 Security, \$539 more than the national average; and

26 WHEREAS, Nearly 40 percent of California's foreign-born
27 residents are United States citizens; and

28 WHEREAS, There are currently 2.7 million immigrants in this
29 state who are eligible for naturalization, 3.3 million are legal
30 permanent residents, and millions more will soon be eligible for
31 naturalization; and

32 WHEREAS, California elected an immigrant to the highest
33 post in the State of California, Governor Arnold
34 Schwarzenegger, in the most recent gubernatorial election; and

35 WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of California recognizes
36 that The Great American Boycott 2006 is to educate people in
37 California and across the United States about the tremendous
38 contribution immigrants make on a daily basis to our society and
39 economy; now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
2 *thereof concurring*, That May 1, 2006, be recognized as The
3 Great American Boycott 2006; and be it further
4 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
5 this resolution to the author for distribution.

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